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No. 288, and especially Mrs. MARTHA J. LAMB'S *History of New York*, expressed the legal decision that as a result of Cabot's discovery of North America in 1497 on behalf of England, the English common law, and not the Dutch Roman law which lurked in the hold of Henry Hudson's vessel when he first explored Manhattan bay, determined the relation of abutters to the use and enjoyment of the public streets. Heavy damages were therefore awarded against the Elevated Railway Company.

The Introductory Essay tells the story of the Cabots with care and impartiality. Mr. Winship writes of Sebastian in particular, *studiis odiisque carens*, and, with the exception of one passage, this is the tone of his book. He says on page xxxii:

The Spanish historians, cognizant of their national characteristics, have been the first to suggest the probability that Sebastian Cabot, a foreigner in high position, found his work made difficult by a lack of confidence and co-operation on the part of his Spanish associates and subordinates.

Is jealousy of a foreigner in authority over themselves a characteristic of Spaniards rather than of Englishmen, or Germans, or Frenchmen? By no means; the characteristic is human, not national, and to assume the contrary smacks of self-righteousness.

Author, printer, and publisher have done their best for this beautiful book.

*Bibliotheca Açoriana. Notícia Bibliographica de Escriptos nacionaes e estrangeiros concernentes ds Ilhas Dos Açores. Vol. II, por Ernesto do Canto. Typ. de Eugenio Pacheco, Ponta Delgada. 1900.*

It is ten years since Senhor do Canto published the first volume of his bibliography of works relating to the Azores. In this long interval of time he has continued his researches, finding a rich vein of information in the previously unexplored files of the periodical press of the Islands. His first thought, as the materials accumulated under his hand, was to bring out a second edition of the original book; but it seemed better to print this second volume.

The work is well done, though in this, as in too many bibliographies, one sighs for a sufficient authority to draw the line. If every publication is to be registered, what is to become of mankind? Life is too short for these things. A journal that lived for eight weeks in the year 1888 might be left to its long sleep.

The *Bibliotheca* is fairly printed, but on paper too thin to be read with pleasure.